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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST REACTION TO OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING AT  
DAR ES SALAAM

1. GOIC FOREIGN MINISTER ARSENE ASSOUAN USHER PROCLAIMED AFTER  
RETURNING TO IVORY COAST FROM RECENT OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
MEETING AT DAR ES SALAAM THAT SESSION HAD BEEN A "VICTORY FOR  
DIALOGUE." ACCORDING USHER, OAU DECLARATION REAFFIRMED THAT  
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INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD ATTEMPT PEACEFUL MEANS TO

ACHIEVE ELMINATION OF RACISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. USHER CLAIMED HE TURNED MEETING AROUND TO ACCEPT CONCEPT OF CONTINUING CONTACT (WHICH IVORIANS CONTINUE TO REFER TO AS "DIALOGUE") BY INTERVENING "FAIRLY VIOLENTLY" TO REJECT ARTICLE 25 OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE CALLED INTO QUESTION SPIRIT OF DIALOGUE.

2. AT SAME TIME USHER CHARACTERIZED ATMOSPHERE OF SPECIAL SESSION AS HEAVY, HEATED, AND FILLED WITH INTRIGUES. HE CITED EXAMPLE OF DELEGATES LEAKING TO PRESS ARTICLES OF RESOLUTION STILL UNDER DISCUSSION INCLUDING THE "FAMOUS ARTICLE 25." USHER SPEECH AT DAR ES SALAAM, REPRINTED IN GOIC-CONTROLLED DAILY NEWSPAPER FRATERNITE MATIN WAS HEAVILY CRITICAL OF CALLING OF OAU SPECIAL SESSION "WHICH WASTED OUR TIME AND MONEY." USHER CRITICIZED EMPTY RHETORIC AND UNREALISTIC NATURE OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF OAU ON SOUTHERN AFRICA QUESTION AND REITERATED VIRTUES OF POLICY OF DIALOGUE. IVORY COAST AGREED WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH OAU GOALS OF DECOLONIZATION AND ELIMINATION OF RACISM IN AFRICA BUT RESERVED RIGHT AS SOV-EREIGN COUNTRY TO PURSUE DIALOGUE AS MEANS IT THOUGHT MOST LIKELY TO ACHIEVE DESIRED GOALS.

3. FOR DAR ES SALAAM: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TELEGRAPHING TEXT OF OAU FINAL COMMUNIQUE. IVORIAN PRESS PRESENTED ONLY GENERAL REFERENCE THERETO.

4. COMMENT: GOIC SLANT ON OAU OUTCOME DECIDELY MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN THAT GIVEN, FOR EXAMPLE, IN OTTAWAY ARTICLE APPEARING IN IHT OF APRIL 12-13. IN ANY EVENT, IT CLEAR THAT GOIC MADE STRONG DEFENSE OF DIALOGUE AT DAR ES SALAAM AND THAT IVORY COAST WILL CONTINUE DIALOGUE POLICY. GOIC CLEARLY CONVINCED THAT EVENTS IN AFRICA ARE PROVING THE ADVANTAGES OF DIALOGUE AND THAT EVEN ERSTWHILE OPPONENTS ARE BEGINNING TO SEE THIS.  
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